

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Please cancel claim 5.

1 (Canceled).

2 (Canceled).

3 (Canceled).

4 (Canceled).

5 (Canceled).

1       6 (Currently Amended). The voice transceiver according to claim 5 7,  
2       wherein when said dummy code is input to said input means, said voice  
3       decoder means outputs digitalized digital voice data in which the strength  
4       of said compressed voice code inputted immediately prior to said dummy  
5       signal is reduced.

1       7 (Currently Amended). ~~The A~~ voice transceiver ~~according to claim 5~~  
2       further comprising:  
3               input means for receiving and temporarily storing compressed  
4       voice codes;  
5               voice decoder means connected to and triggered by said input  
6       means for expanding the compressed voice codes and generating  
7       digitalized digital voice data;  
8               selective disposal means receiving the generated digitalized digital

9       voice data from the voice decoder means and responsive to a discard  
10       request for discarding the generated digitalized digital voice data when the  
11       discard request is present;  
12               speaker output buffer means for receiving and temporarily storing  
13       digitalized digital voice data passed by said selective disposal means;  
14               insertion/disposal control means connected to monitor data  
15       temporarily stored in said speaker output buffer means and, if an amount  
16       of data temporarily stored in said speaker output buffer means falls below  
17       a first threshold, outputting a dummy voice code to said input means, but if  
18       an amount of data temporarily stored in said speaker output buffer means  
19       rises above a second threshold, generating said discard request to said  
20       selective disposal means;  
21               digital-to-analog converter means for converting the generated  
22       digitalized digital voice data temporarily stored in said speaker output  
23       buffer means to an analog voice signal;  
24               a speaker connected to receive said analog voice signal and  
25       generating an acoustical output;  
26               microphone means for inputting an acoustical voice input;  
27               analog-to-digital conversion means for converting said voice input  
28       into converted digital voice data;  
29               microphone buffer means for receiving and temporarily storing said  
30       converted digital voice data;  
31               reference input signal buffer means for receiving and temporarily  
32       storing generated digitalized digital voice data passed by said selective  
33       disposal unit, said insertion/disposal control means being connected to said  
34       reference signal buffer means to thereby monitor data temporarily stored in  
35       said speaker output buffer means;  
36               echo component removal means responsive to said reference input  
37       buffer means for suppressing an echo component contained in said  
38       converted digital voice data; and

39               voice encoder means connected to receive converted digital voice  
40       data from which an echo component has been suppressed from said echo  
41       component removal means for encoding and compressing an output voice  
42       code.

Please add new claim 8 as follows:

1       8 (New). A voice transceiver comprising:  
2               input means for receiving and temporarily storing compressed  
3       voice codes;  
4               voice decoder means connected to and triggered by said input  
5       means for expanding the compressed voice codes and generating  
6       digitalized digital voice data;  
7               selective disposal means receiving the generated digitalized digital  
8       voice data from the voice decoder means and responsive to a discard  
9       request for discarding the generated digitalized digital voice data when the  
10      discard request is present;  
11              output buffer means for receiving and temporarily storing  
12      digitalized digital voice data passed by said selective disposal means;  
13              insertion/disposal control means connected to monitor data  
14      temporarily stored in said output buffer means and, if an amount of data  
15      temporarily stored in said output buffer means falls below a first threshold,  
16      outputting a dummy voice code to said input means, but if an amount of  
17      data temporarily stored in said output buffer means rises above a second  
18      threshold, generating said discard request to said selective disposal means;  
19              digital-to-analog converter means for converting the generated  
20      digitalized digital voice data temporarily stored in said output buffer means  
21      to an analog voice signal;  
22              means for inputting an acoustical voice input;  
23              analog-to-digital conversion means for converting said voice input

24       into converted digital voice data;  
25               buffer means for receiving and temporarily storing said converted  
26       digital voice data;  
27               reference input signal buffer means for receiving and temporarily  
28       storing generated digitalized digital voice data passed by said selective  
29       disposal unit, said insertion/disposal control means being connected to said  
30       reference signal buffer means to thereby monitor data temporarily stored in  
31       said output buffer means;  
32               echo component removal means responsive to said reference input  
33       buffer means for suppressing an echo component contained in said  
34       converted digital voice data; and  
35               voice encoder means connected to receive converted digital voice  
36       data from which an echo component has been suppressed from said echo  
37       component removal means for encoding and compressing an output voice  
38       code.